CHAPTER 27Signs and Outdoor Advertising

27.11 Penalties and Enforcement (Rep. & recr. #10-03) (Am. #1-19)

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- (1) **Double Fees.** Where work for which a permit is required by this Chapter is begun before a required permit is obtained, the fees for the permit shall be doubled. Payment of such double fees shall not relieve any persons from complying with the requirements of this Chapter.
- (2) General Compliance Order. In addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity, the City Planner may issue a written notice and order to a property owner to comply with the requirements of this Chapter (except §27.07, as provided in subsection (3), below), and if the Owner fails to comply within 10 days of receipt of the order, the City may prosecute and action in the circuit court or municipal court for an order requiring the owner to comply.
- (3) Maintenance Compliance Order. In addition to any other remedies available under the law, if the Department determines that a sign is not being maintained in accordance with §27.07, the City Planner may issue a written notice and order to the property owner describing the defects and setting forth the required corrections. If the property owner fails to make the required corrections set forth in the order within 30 days of receipt of the order, the City may prosecute an action in the circuit court or municipal court for an order of the court requiring the owner to comply with the order.
- (4) Confiscation of Signs on Public Property. The City may remove and dispose of any Sign that is placed on public property, park property, or in a public right of way, at any time, without first providing notice to the owners of adjacent properties or the parties that placed the Sign.
- (5) Civil Forfeiture, Court Costs. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction of such violation, be ordered to pay the penalties as provided in Municipal Code §25.05, and the maximum municipal court fees provided in Wis. Stats. §814.65(1) and all other applicable fees, surcharges and costs provided in Wis. Stats. Chapter 814.